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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 491 JFK Memory Project at WKU

2 boxes. 9 folders. 86 items. 1960-2014.
 Originals, photocopies, digital images, digital sound recordings.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, commonly referred to as Jack Kennedy or by his initials JFK, was elected the 35th President of the United States in November 1960. He served almost three full years in office before he was assassinated on 22 November 1963 in Dallas, Texas. Notable events during his presidency included the Bay of Pigs Invasion, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Space Race, the building of the Berlin Wall, the U.S. Civil Rights movement, and escalating involvement in Vietnam.

After military service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Kennedy represented Massachusetts's 11th congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1947 to 1953. In 1953 he was elected to the U.S. Senate, representing Massachusetts. Kennedy defeated Vice president Richard M. Nixon in the 1960 U.S. presidential election. At age 43, he was the youngest man to have been elected President. During the presidential campaign, Kennedy visited Bowling Green, Kentucky on 8 October 1960.

COLLECTION NOTE

The Department of Library Special Collections and WKU Libraries at Western Kentucky University sponsored a project from 15 September 2013 to 25 February 2014 to commemorate John F. Kennedy's visit to Bowling Green, Kentucky in October 1960 and his assassination in 1963. This collection is a result of the material acquired during that project. Project coordinator was Jonathan D. Jeffrey, Manuscripts & Folklife Archives Coordinator. Initially only e-mail and correspondence was going to be added to the collection, but the project broadened. After initial press coverage, remembrances began to arrive, but individuals wanted to talk more in-depth about their experience. This led to the project director conducting eight oral history interviews. Several individuals also had photographs and news clippings that they wanted to contribute. WKU's Office of Alumni Relations was particularly helpful in contacting alumni that had attended school in Bowling Green in 1960. Many of the remembrances, particularly the

ones about the assassination, are quite moving. Only egregious spelling errors were corrected in the remembrances found in Folder 2. All of the interviews and photographs are digital.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	JFK Memory Project at WKU	1960-2014	84 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Remembrances sent in		1 item
Folder 3	Informant data sheets	2013	5 items
Folder 4	News clippings, press releases, advertisements	1960-2014	29 items
Folder 5	Material related to Brenda Wade's letter to Mrs. Kennedy	1964-2010	4 items
Folder 6	Photos – Surrogate photocopies (digital images stored on VLM), 1 postcard	1960-2013	36 items
Folder 7	Oral histories – JFK related	2013	8 items
BOX 2	JFK Memory Project at WKU	1961-1963	2 items
Folder 1	Commemorative re-printing of the 23 November 1963 <i>Dallas Morning News</i>	1963	1 item
Folder 2	Scrapbook of post-assassination material compiled by Robinson	1961-1963	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Materials collected during a commemorative project related to a campaign visit John F. Kennedy made to Bowling Green, Kentucky in October 1960 and to his November 1963 assassination. The core of the collection is a set of remembrances that were sent into the Department of Library Special Collections, WKU about both events. Other items include oral history interviews (8), photos (36), contemporary news clippings as well as clippings about the project, a scrapbook of post-assassination clippings, and assorted other ephemera and memorabilia.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Anderson, Lucinda (Francis)
Bennett, Mary Ellen (Gipson), b. 1940 (Informant) B1,F7
Constant, Wayne – Comments about B1,F7
Elections and election campaigns – Warren County, 1960
Francis, J. David, d. 2004 – Comments about B1,F7
Givens, Gerald D., b. 1943 (Informant) B1,F7
Jeffrey, Jonathan David, b. 1960 (Interviewer) B1,F7
Johnson, Lyndon Baines, 1908-1973 – Comments about B1,F7
Kennedy, Jacqueline Lee (Bouvier), 1929-1994 – Relating to B1,F5,7; B2,F2
Kennedy, John Fitzgerald, 1917-1963 – Relating to
Kennedy, John Fitzgerald 1917-1963 – Assassination of, 1963
Kennedy, John Fitzgerald, 1917-1963 – Photos B1,F6
Lowe, Morris, b. 1926 (Informant) B1,F7
Paschal, Lana Sue (Constant) "Susie," b. 1948 (Informant) B1,F7
Perdue, Brenda (Wade), b. 1948 (Informant) B1,F5,7
Robinson, Mildred S. (Informant) B1,F7; B2,F2
Wade, Charles Bransford, b. 1940 (Informant) B1,F7

SEE or SEE ALSO

Wade, Brenda, b. 1948

See:

Perdue, Brenda (Wade), b. 1948

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